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Attn.: Ms. Bonita Lavelle

Subject: OU3 RI/FS of the Libby Asbestos Site
Monthly Progress Report – September 2009

Dear Bonnie:

This progress report describes work completed during the month of September 2009, in accordance with Section IX of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study dated September 2007. A discussion of the actions taken, sampling results, planned activities, modifications, problems encountered, potential issues, anticipated delays, and solutions developed is provided below. Information by contractor is reported separately.

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A. ACTIONS TAKEN

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of September.

- Continued to collect surface water flow data from ISCO automatic samplers/flow sensors at LRC-06, LRC-02 and CC-02.
- Continued activity-based sampling (ABS) under Revision 3 of Attachment A of the Phase III SAP. ABS Rounds 2 through 5 were completed during September, Round 6 began on September 28.

B. SAMPLING RESULTS

Evaluation of the ABS air sampling cassettes by Hygeia Laboratories indicates that most samples collected under the revised flow rates and activity durations specified in Revision 3 of Attachment A of the Phase III SAP can be analyzed directly.

C. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

The following tasks are scheduled to be performed over the next two months.

- Continue ABS under Revision 3 of Attachment A of the Phase III SAP as long as weather conditions permit, or until all ten rounds of ABS are completed.

- Continue collecting surface water flow data from ISCO automatic samplers/flow sensors at LRC-06, LRC-02 and CC-02 until low temperatures require the equipment be removed for the season.
- Begin preparation of the Phase III Field Sampling Summary Report and continue preparation of the OU3 Remedial Investigation Report.
- Participate in teleconferences and other meetings as requested by EPA.

D. MODIFICATIONS/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL ISSUES/ANTICIPATED DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

None.

Parametrix

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of September.

A. ACTIONS TAKEN

- Completed small mammal field and necropsy program in Libby, Montana;
- Finalized remaining Phase III SAP aquatic program SOPs and submitted to Remedium and EPA;
- Continued small mammal demobilization activities;
- Uploaded all small mammal field notebook, chains of custody and necropsy notebook data to EPA database;
- Mobilized for aquatic (fish and macroinvertebrate) field program;
- Initiated conduct of aquatic field program in Libby, Montana;
- Uploaded all small mammal data into Parametrix electronic files;
- Continued small mammal tissue histological preparation and analysis (Northwest ZooPath); and
- Financial, reporting, supervision and project management activities

B. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

- Discuss aquatic bioassay issues with BTAG;
- Prepare aquatic bioassay protocol for review by Remedium, EPA;
- Initiate aquatic bioassay(s);
- Initiate preparation of certain small mammal report sections;
- Initiate analysis of aquatic data; and
- Initiate preparation of certain aquatic program report sections.

C. MODIFICATIONS/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL ISSUES/
ANTICIPATED DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

- Continuing need to resolve fiber/fiber bundle exposure concerns to allow initiation of pilot and/or definitive rainbow trout bioassay.

Sincerely,



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